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Dear Bob:

Thank you for contacting me to express your view about public policy in Colorado. I appreciate hearing from my constituents and always consider your input when evaluating legislation. I commend you for participating in the democratic process.

Across Colorado thousands of gay and lesbian couples are working hard and building strong families. These men and women want nothing more than to live their lives with the people that they love. Civil unions will allow these couples to solidify their family bonds. Currently, these couples do not have the legal right to visit each other in the hospital, to share medical benefits or to pass on property to each other after they die. I believe that we should extend these rights to gay and lesbian couples.

Under the Colorado Constitution, marriage is defined as a union between a man and a woman; It would require a constitutional amendment to change that. The civil union bill would not change the Constitution, but it would allow committed same-sex couples the right to share their lives with each other. This is a concept that appeals to many Coloradoans and I support it.

Thank you again for contacting me about this issue.

Sincerely,

Pete Lee
State Representative
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